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SETTING UP OF MAIL REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has declined to accord approval for the recently moted proposal for setting up a Mail Regulatory & Development Authority to regulate the functioning of courier service in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has decided to amend the Indian Postal Act, 1898;

(d) if so, the Status of the Act alongwith the main changes proposed to be made in the Postal Act Amendment Bill; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be amended?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) The India Post Office (Amendment) Bill is still under examination and final decision is yet to be taken by the Government on various proposals.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There is proposal to the effect but final decision has not been taken.

(d) The Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill 2008 is still under formulation stage and has not yet been put up to the Cabinet for final decision.

(e) The Bill is likely to be introduced only in the monsoon session of the Parliament at the earliest.